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Radar Unit Computer Manufacturing

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Central Physical Research Institute

1. [redacted] Kozonti Fizikai Kutató Intézet
(Central Physical Research Institute) facility, located on Konkoly Thege
Road, in a northwest suburb of Budapest. 50X1-HUM

a drawing of the approximate layout of the institute /See page 2. infra/ 50X1-HUM

[redacted] Budapest, Hungary, City Plan 1:15,000, showing the
location of the following facilities: 50X1-HUM

- a. Central Physical Research Institute on Konkoly Thege Road
- b. Csonka Gépgyár (Csonka Machine Factory)
- c. Gamma Optikai és Finommechanikai Művek (Gamma Optical and
Fine Mechanical Plant)
- d. "Standard" (Belojannisz) plant
- e. Magyar Opt Művek (Hungarian Optical Works)
- f. Television tower
- g. Location of radar control center for all of Hungary. CONFIDENTIAL/

[redacted] head engineer, (Fnu) Mogyorosi, on the con-
struction of the nuclear reactor model, which model, however, was to be
operative and radioactive. Parts of this model were being worked on else-
where

All of the buildings were finished at the institute facility except the
reactor building, for which only the foundation had been dug. The foundation
hole for the reactor building was [redacted] 80 meters wide by 200

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NOT TO SCALE

12 ft stone fence with
electrified wire at top,
running all round area.

The whole area is very
heavily wooded.

Road

Gate with
sentry post.

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AVH patrols
are both in-
side and out-
side the
fence.

NORTH

All buildings in the area are sunk
into the hillside, which hill rises
in a 15 degree slope from the road.

Kozponti Fizikai Kutató Intézet
(Central Physical Research Institute)

Buildings:

- #1 Administration building
- #2 Building built to house experimental model of reactor, which would be operative. No reactor in place as of June 1956.
- #3 Foundation for main reactor building. 80m wide x 200m long x 5m deep. No concrete poured as of June 1956.
- #4 Cyclotron building (10m wide x 25m long). Also used for photographing nuclear processes.
- #5 Building used to construct and test nuclear testing instruments.
- #6 Garage and tool shop.
- #8 Secret police barracks

Konkoly Thege Road to
Budapest, the center of which
is about 18 km away.

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meters long by five meters deep.

exact acreage of the institute is quite extensive. It is surrounded by a 12 ft stone fence, which had an electric wire running along the top of the fence. The security police were all over the place, both inside and outside of the fence. The enclosed, and surrounding property is very heavily wooded, and the buildings are set into the hillside, which hillside runs in about a 15 degree slope from the road. 50X1-HUM
[See drawing.] this establishment would be very difficult to identify from the air. 50X1-HUM

the reactor was to be water cooled and the Soviet Union would furnish it. It was to be used to produce electricity, and the water for cooling purposes was to come from artesian wells. The scheduled completion date for the reactor was to be sometime in 1960. The reactor model, which was to become operative in October 1957, was approximately 30 ft long by 18 ft wide by 16 ft high in dimensions. The main reactor was to be four to six times the size of the model.

5. There were about 20 Soviets advisors at the facility

there were between 200 and 400 Hungarians working at the institute, and many secret police who were stationed permanently at the facility.

In 1953, a cyclotron was put in and experiments were started. There were Soviets and East Germans participating in the construction of the cyclotron

no other cyclotron located in Hungary, and this cyclotron at the institute was originally located at the University of Budapest.

6. the Hungarian senior staff of the institute were constantly making trips to the Soviet Union for consultation and inspection of Soviet atomic facilities.

The Mag Physics Institute is the former Budapest Technical College. Lajos Janossy, who was deputy director of the Central Physical Research Institute under Istvan Kovacs, director, was formerly a professor at Mag Physics Institute.

The research program was under the direction of Istvan Kovacs, who was the boss of the institute.

Uranium Deposits and Shipment Routes

7. The uranium deposits at Pecs [46 05N, 18 13E] are being exploited, and supposedly there are uranium deposits in the Bakony mountains [47 15N, 17 50E] and at Urkut [47 05N, 17 38E], which the government said were bauxite mines, but were really uranium mines.

all of the ore is shipped to the Soviet Union. the ore is not processed chemically or physically in Hungary prior to being shipped to the Soviet Union. The USSR does not pay for the ore. The ore from Pecs is shipped over two routes by rail to the Soviet Union:

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- a) Pecs to Budapest to Szolnok [47 10N, 20 11E] to Debrecen [47 31N, 21 39E] to Nyiregyhaza [47 58N, 21 43E] to Zahony [48 24N, 22 11E] to Csep [48 26N, 22 13E]
- b) Pecs to Baja [46 10N, 18 56E] to Szeged [46 15N, 20 09E] to Mako [46 13N, 20 29E] and into Rumania.

[redacted] during the revolution in late 1956, all of the mining equipment at the uranium mines at Pecs was destroyed. The government made the announcement that, because of this, the mines would not be operative for at least two years.

[redacted] abortive atomic experiments in the Crimea in 1952, and again in 1954, the Soviets had had two unsuccessful atomic explosions. [redacted] there was a rumor that the Soviets were having a lot of trouble with heavy water.

Radar Unit Computer Manufacturing

10. The computer units that were made in my Gamma factory were the mechanical types, which were made from 1949 to 1953, at a rate of about 90 to 100 per mo. From 1953 to the present, the computers made are electronic, and [redacted] are not being mass produced, as there are many manufacturing problems. The mechanical computers are designated II, LII, and LIII: the electronic computers are designated EI and EII.

The "Standard" (Belojannisz) plant may make some components [redacted]

11. The [redacted] Gamma plant [redacted] made: microscopes, surveying transits, opera glasses, aiming devices for anti-tank guns and mortars, and binoculars. [redacted] The plant had about 2000 people working on three shifts per day. The Standard (Belojannisz) plant makes telephone switchboards, radio transmitters and receivers, and telephone sets, but no TV sets. [redacted] Most of this equipment [redacted] went to the Soviets.

"Kamir" produces radio transmitter tubes, "Tungaram" makes experimental vacuum tubes and miniature tubes, and "Orion" makes radio and TV sets for civilians.

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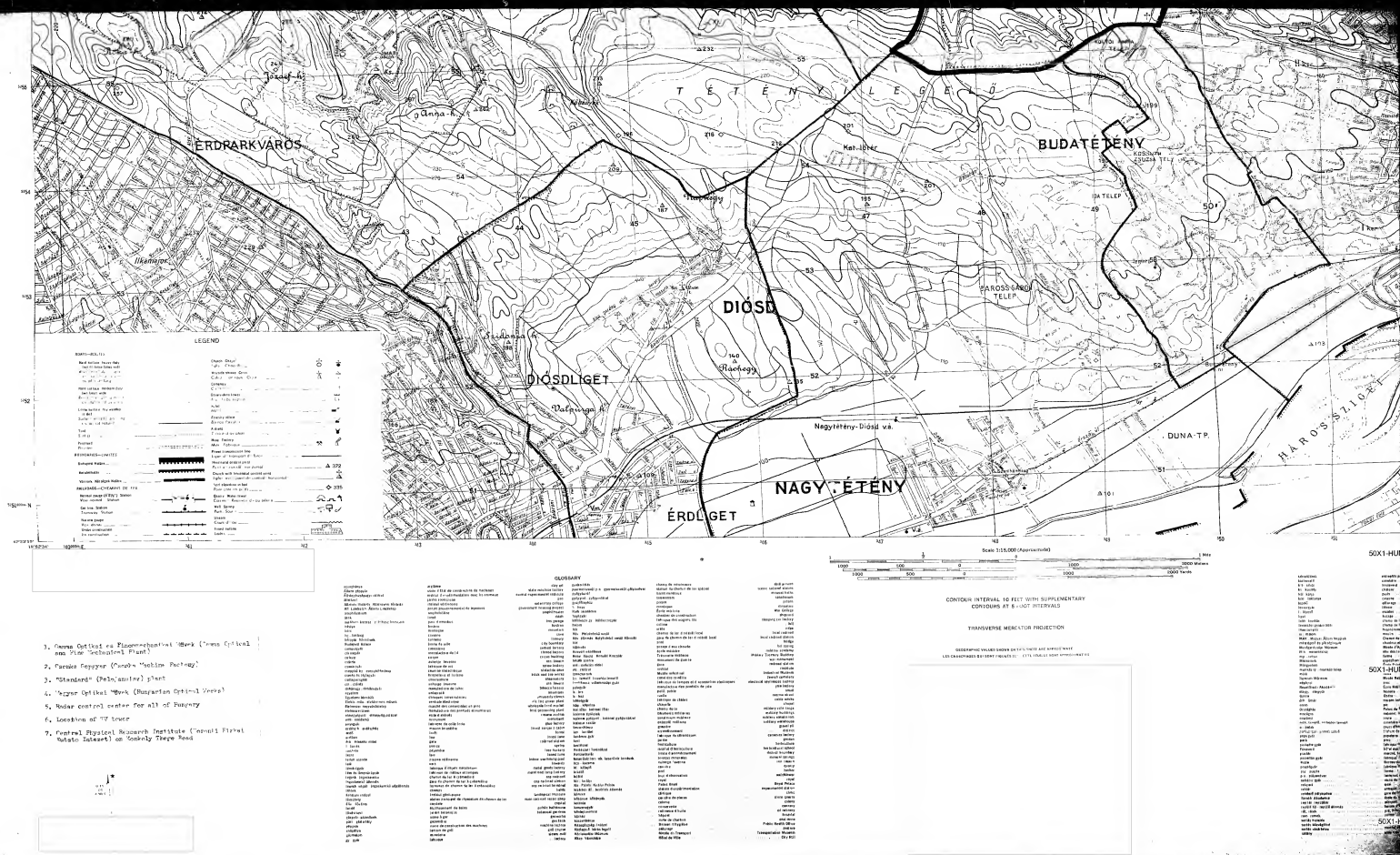
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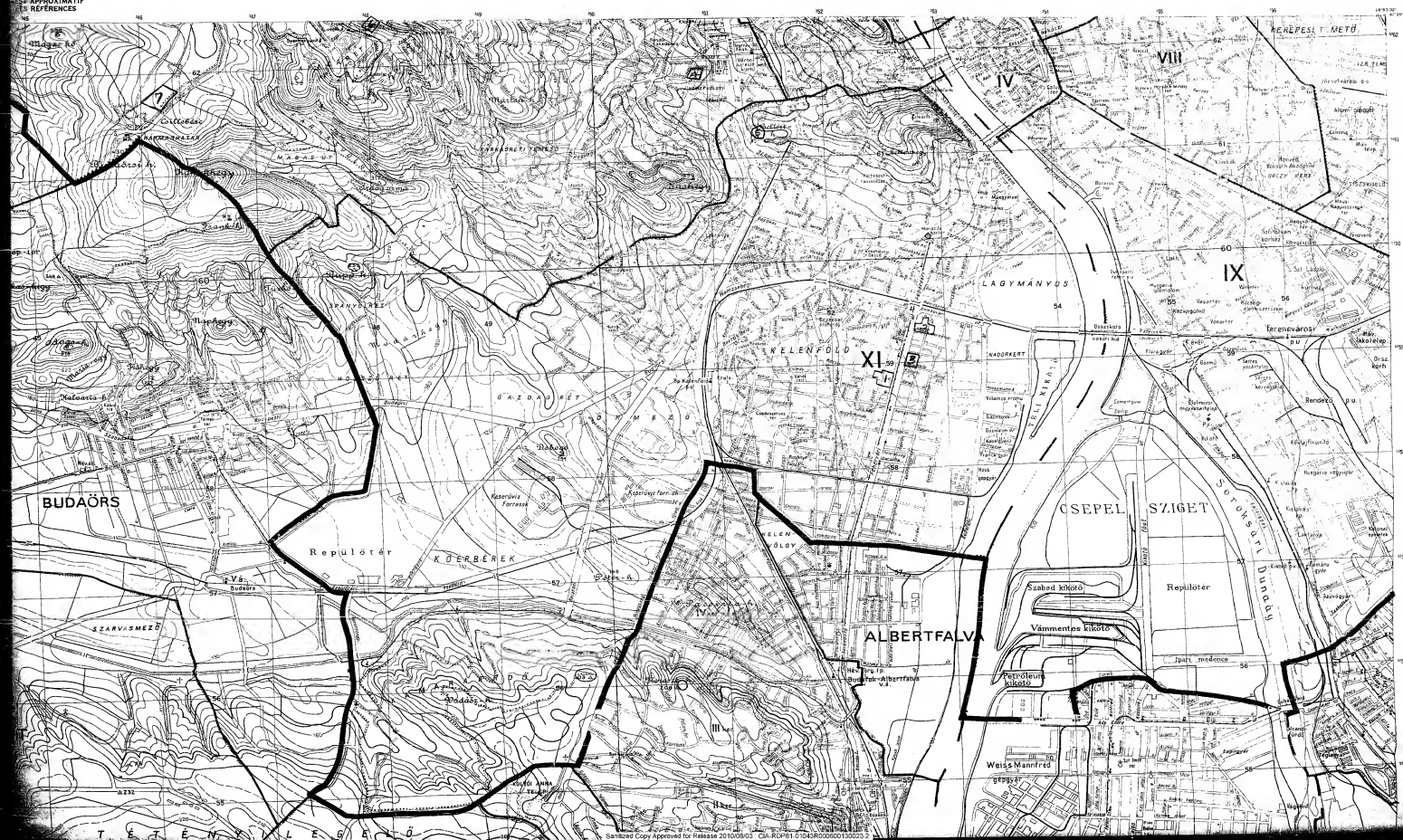
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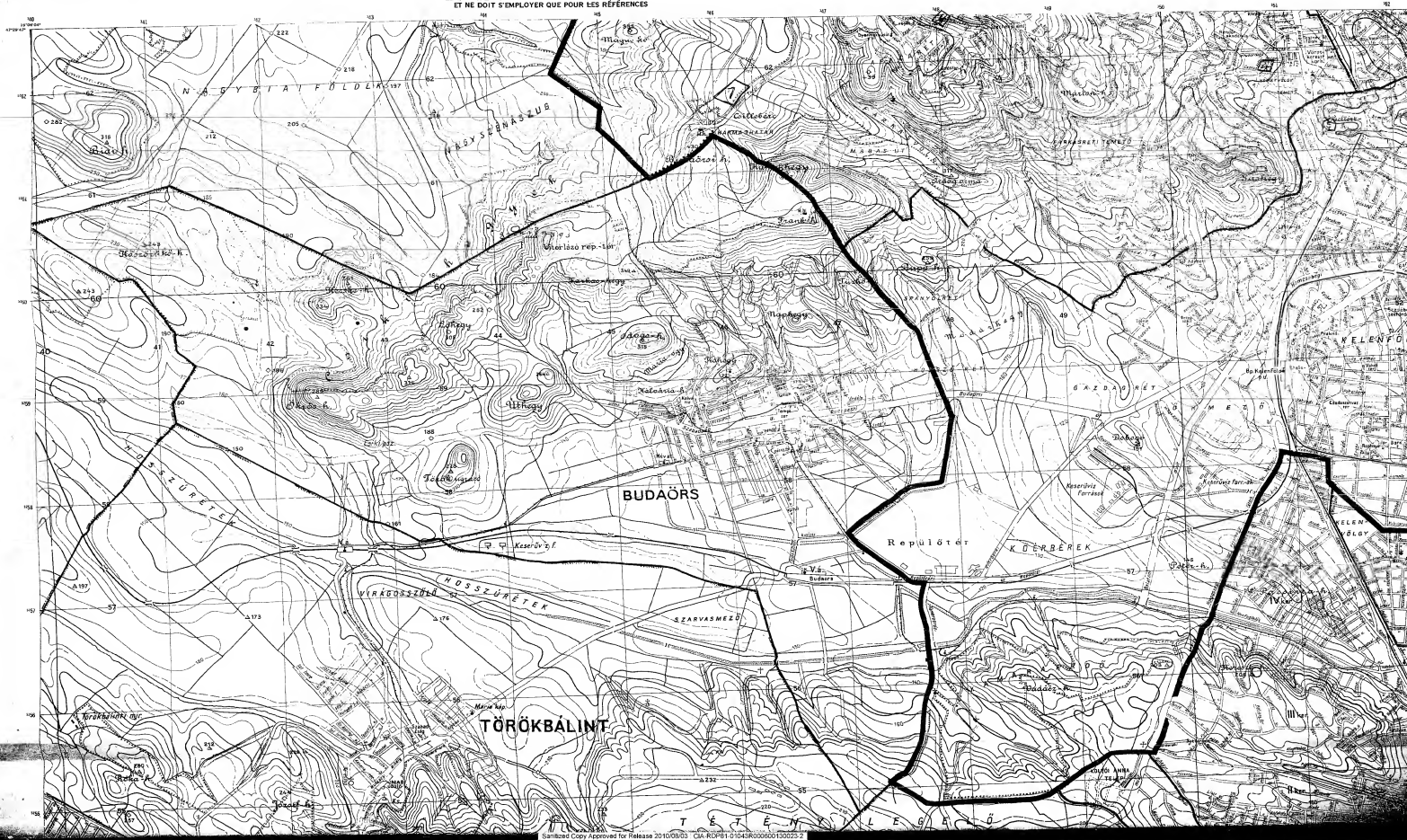
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